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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS

SUBJECT: SENTENCING OF TURKISH TERRORISTS

REF: PARIS 12308

1. DEPARTMENT RAISES QUESTIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE CITED BY LE MONDE IN REFTEL WITH REGARD TO LENIENCY SHOWN CONVICTED TERRORISTS, AS WELL AS OTHERS CAUGHT IN SAME ARREST AND LATER RELEASED. WE APPRECIATE CASE IS LEGALLY CLOSED AND THAT SOME OF CONVICTED MAY HAVE ALREADY BEEN RELEASED (BECAUSE OF CREDIT GIVEN FOR TIME IN PRISON). WE NOTE LE MONDE SPECULATION THAT OTHERS AMONG CONVICTED WILL BE DEPORTED TO COUNTRY OF THEIR CHOICE. APPARENTLY CONSPIRACY, SUCH AS WAS CITED BY DST EVIDENCE IN PARIS 33005, WAS NOT AN ISSUE IN TRIAL. GENERAL IMPRESSION WHICH DEPARTMENT MAINTAINS IS THAT GROUP OF MIDDLE EAST TERRORISTS HAS BEEN CAUGHT RED-HANDED IN PLOT TO STRIKE SOMEWHERE IN WESTERN EUROPE, HAS BEEN GIVEN EXTREMELY LIGHT SENTENCES,

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AND IS NOW IN POSITION TO GO BACK INTO INTERNATIONAL CIR-

CULATION TO ATTACK INNOCENTS AGAIN. THIS STRIKES US AS  
THE OPPOSITE OF DETERRING TERRORISM.

2. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GOF POSSESSES INFORMATION IN  
ADDITION TO THAT AVAILABLE TO US WHICH WILL CORRECT ABOVE  
IMPRESSION AND WHICH WILL GIVE ASSURANCE THAT GOF IS NOT  
RPT NOT ACQUIESCING IN TRANSFERRING INTERNATIONAL

TERRORISTS TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE  
THAT TURKISH AND FRENCH AUTHORITIES HAVE HAD UNDERSTANDING  
ON HANDLING OF SUBJECT TERRORISTS. IT IS SUGGESTED  
THEREFORE:

(A) THAT EMBASSY IN COURSE OF NORMAL CONTACTS WITH  
TURKISH EMBASSY ATTEMPT IN LOW-KEY FASHION GAIN MORE BACK-  
GROUND ON CASE.

(B) THAT EMBASSY FIND OCCASION TO RAISE MATTER WITH FON-  
OFF IN INTEREST OF CONTAINMENT OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

3. THERE ARE NO OBVIOUS DIRECT US INTERESTS INVOLVED BUT  
USG CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO  
COUNTER TERRORISM IS TO APPREHEND AND APPROPRIATELY PUNISH  
THE PERPETRATORS. DEPORTING INDIVIDUALS WHOSE APPARENT  
MISSION WAS TO ATTACK INNOCENT BYSTANDERS IS NOT, IN OUR  
VIEW, THE WAY TO REDUCE THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST THREAT,  
WHICH ALL COUNTRIES SHARE. BROWN

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